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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The Secretary-General has received notification of the resignation of Jun Yamazaki (Japan) from the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions effective 28 July 2007. Accordingly, the General Assembly will be required to appoint, at its current session, a person to fill the vacancy for the remaining period of the term of office of Mr. Yamazaki, which expires on 31 December 2007.

2. The Government of Japan has nominated Misako Kaji to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr. Yamazaki.

3. In a communication dated 19 July 2007, the Secretariat was informed by the Chairman of the Asian Group that the candidature of Ms. Kaji had been endorsed by the Group.

4. The candidate's curriculum vitae is annexed to the present note.

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Annex

Curriculum vitae
Misako Kaji (Japan)

Present position

Minister, Administrative and Budgetary Affairs Section, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

Academic background

BA in Economics, University of Tokyo, 1981

BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, University of Oxford, 1984

Professional background

1981	Joined the Japanese Foreign Service
1984	Third Secretary, Embassy of Japan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
1987	Assistant Director, Economic Affairs Division, United Nations Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1993	First Secretary, Mission of Japan to the European Union
1996	Counsellor, Embassy of Japan, Viet Nam
1998	Counsellor, Social Affairs Section, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations
2000	Special Adviser to Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
2002	Deputy Press Secretary to Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan
2003	Director for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2004	Principal Deputy Chief of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ms. Kaji dealt with United Nations issues in the economic and social fields at the Foreign Ministry in the late 1980s. She was a Third Committee delegate of Japan in the late 1990s and served as a vice-chairperson of the Special Session of the General Assembly on Women in 2000. At the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, she was mainly responsible for inter-agency coordination. Returning to the Japanese Foreign Service, where she assumed the post of Director for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Ms. Kaji compiled Japan's reports in compliance with the United Nations conventions on the rights of the child and on the elimination of discrimination against women and was in charge of securing passage in the Japanese Diet of legislation for Japan's accession to the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions of August 1949. She has represented Japan in the Fifth Committee since October 2006.